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PROPOSALLS

Of his Excellency

Sir Thomas Fairfax,

AND

The Generall Councell of the ARMIE,

Held at Windsore, Decemb. 23. 1647.

UPON

The late Resolutions in Parliament, for bringing in the six Moneths Arreares of Assessements by the 15. of January next, and for the taking off Free Quarter, and Disbanding.

Also some particular exceptions against the Billetting of Souldiers onely in Innes, Tavernes and Ale-houses, with their Desires thereupon.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament, by Colonell *Sir Hardresse Waller*, Friday Decemb. 24. 1647.

With a Letter from his Excellency Sir Thomas Fairfax, *to the honourable* William Lenthall *Esquire, Speaker of the House of* COMMONS.

BY the Appointment of his Excellency Sir *Thomas Fairfax*, and the Generall Councell of the Army.

Jo. Rushworth, Secretary.

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PROPOSALS

Mr. Speaker,

AT a Generall Councell of the Army this day held, the incloſed Particulars were agreed upon to be repreſented to the Parliament, which I humbly deſire may be taken into conſideration; and remaine

Windſore, 23. Decemb. 1647.

Your humble Servant,

Thomas Fairfax.

For the honourable *William Lenthall* Eſquire, Speaker of the honourable Houſe of Commons.

Propoſalls of his Excellency Sir *Thomas Fairfax*, and the generall Councel of the Army: Held at *Windſore Decemb.* 23. 1647.

Preſented to both Houſes of Parliament, *by Colonell Sir* Hardreſſe Waller, 24. *Decemb.* 1647.

UPon the late Reſolutions in Parliament concerning the taking away of Free-Quarter, and disbanding ſupernumeraries, we find divers things which require a further conſideration, in order to the more ſecure and effectuall diſpatch of that worke, wherein we ſhall ſhortly offer our humble Adviſe and deſires.

But at preſent we find an immediate neceſſity, to take notice of what hath paſt on Tueſday laſt the 21. inſtant, in an Ordinance prepared for the bringing in of ſix moneths Arreares of Aſſeſſement by the 15. of January next; and for the taking away of Free Quarter thereupon: wherein we obſerve,

1. It is provided and ordained, *That no Officer or Souldier, ſhall enter into the Houſe of any perſon or perſons who ſhall duly pay their Aſſeſſement, without his conſent, except Innes, Tavernes, Victualling-Houſes or Ale-Houſes.*

2. *Nor ſhall take away Victualls, or other proviſions for horſe,*

Horſe or Man, without conſent of the owner, and due ſatisfaction given to him for the ſame.

As to the firſt of theſe, wee muſt deſire the Houſes to conſider, That if the Souldiery muſt not have ſo much as Lodging or Stable room, but at Innes and Ale-Houſes without the owners conſent: it will follow,

1. That is like to fall out oft-times, and in many Townes, that there will be more Men or Horſe to Quarter, then the Innes, or Ale-Houſes have roome for.

2. That Souldiers muſt either pay for their victuall and horſe meat at ſuch rates as the Innes where they quarter will reckon, as to other gueſts, or elſe give large ſatisfaction to the Inne-keeper for their lodging and ſtable-roome, ſo as they may have liberty to take their victuall and horſemeat at other places where they can agree for it cheaper; otherwiſe an Inne-keeper where the lodging or ſtable-roome is taken up by Souldiers, will loſe the whole benefit of his Inne, which is his livelihood: And if the ſouldier either muſt pay the Inne-keeper at the rates of other gueſts, or ſatisfie him for his lodging and ſtable-roome at ſuch rates as to countervaile his ordinarie gaine,

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It is moſt evident, that the Souldiers whole pay, nor ſcarce the double of it, would not ſatisfie at ſuch rates, and unleſſe either the pay, or way of Quarter bee ſuch, as that the Souldier may above the charge of his victuall or Horſe-meat, ſave ſomething for other uſes, wee believe few Souldiers will bee found to ſerve, that intend to be honeſt.

And we feare the Souldiery that ſhall conſider the conſequences of theſe limitations of Quarter, may be too apt to miſunderſtand it, as if thoſe that ſhall not have the benefit of disbanding now as Supernumeraries, ſhould be left to be worſe then disbanded, even to be neceſsitated to a ſudden diſſolution, without any benefit of Conditions at all.

For our parts, if it be found that the ſafety and quiet of the Kingdome will admit it, we ſhall be as readie to disband all as any: but whileſt the Parliament finds cauſe to continue any Forces in the Kingdome, wee muſt earneſtly deſire, they may have that allowance

lowance of neceſſarie billet which is allowed in all Nations where any Souldiers are kept, and particularly, that they may ſtill be allowed lodging and ſtable-roome at ſuch houſes where they ſhall by order be duly and equally billetted.

To the ſecond particular in the Ordinance aforementioned, we are well ſatisfied and preſume all Souldiers will be content (when they ſhall be duly ſupplied with pay in hand wherewithall) to pay for their victualls and horſe-meat at ſuch rates as they can agree upon: only we muſt deſire, theſe caſes may be provided for;

1. That for the firſt fortnight after the Souldiery ſhall bee drawne into Townes and Garriſons, and untill the Parliament ſhall there ſupply them with pay, (as in our late Propoſitions to the Commiſsioners) they may have horſe meat and mans meat at the places where they ſhall be billetted, at the rates allowed for the Army, which the Officers are to undertake to ſee paid.

2. That

2. That upon all occasions of Marching where any Souldiers shall by Order be billeted (not lying above two nights at a place) they may have their dyet at the same rates, and Horse meat also, if the Land-Lord have it of his owne.

By the appointment of his Excellency, Sir *Thomas Fairfax*, and the Generall Councell of the Army.

Jo. Rushworth Secretary.

Windsore 23. Decemb. 1647.

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